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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 4591

LIMDIS

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR CB RP

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO INCLUDE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN EVACUATION  
PLAN

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 2711

B. PHNOM PENH 3070

1. AS REPORTED REF B, WE HAVE BEEN HELPING PHILIPPINE EMBASSY  
HERE TO CUT BACK ITS OFFICIAL STAFF AND REDUCE LOCAL FILIPINO  
COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SPACE ON USAID FLIGHTS TO BANGKOK.  
AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY STAFF HAS BEEN  
REDUCED TO APPROXIMATELY TEN PERSONS, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS.  
WE WILL BE PROVIDING SEATS FOR THE THREE DEPENDENTS PLUS  
ONE OFFICIAL ON THE MARCH 15 USAID FLIGHT, LEAVING A TOTAL  
STAFF OF SIX.

2. AS EXPLAINED IN REF A, PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HAS NOT (REPEAT NOT)  
BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS EMBASSY'S EVACUATION PLAN.  
PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR VIRAY IS FULLY AWARE OF THIS  
AND UNDERSTANDS THE REASON WHY. IN CALL ON AMBASSADOR  
TODAY, VIRAY EXPRESSED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, HIS  
DESIRE TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR THE GKR  
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THROUGH HIS EMBASSY'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN PHNOM

PENH DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. TO THAT END HE HAS BEEN PREPARED TO KEEP HIS EMBASSY OPEN EVEN AT THE RISK OF SEEING POCHENTONG CLOSED. FOR ONE WHOSE DEPARTURE FROM PHNOM PENH COULD BE DENIED AFTER THAT POINT, WE CONSIDER THAT HE HAS DEMONSTRATED A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AND A DEGREE OF PERSONAL FORTITUDE WHICH FEW OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSION CHIEFS HERE HAVE DISPLAYED.

3. THE IMMINENT EVACUATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, HOWEVER, HAS OBVIOUSLY SHAKEN VIRAY. FURTHERMORE, UNTIL THIS WEEK, THE FILIPINOS HAVE RELIEF FOR EVACUATION ON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE NOW INFORMED THEM THAT THEY CANNOT MEET THEIR EVACUATION OBLIGATIONS. WE, THEREFORE, NOW BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR US TO DEMONSTRATE THE KIND OF FLEXIBILITY WHICH THE CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRES AND INCLUDE A SMALL THREE-TO FOUR-MAN PHILIPPINE EMBASSY STAFF IN OUR EVACUATION PLAN. SUCH A MOVE WOULD NOT ADD UNDULY TO OUR EVACUATION OBLIGATIONS BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANT RECENT AND IMMINENT REDUCTIONS IN THE OFFICIAL STAFFS OF EMBASSIES WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INCLUDED IN OUR EVACUATION PLAN.

4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN OUR EVACUATION PLAN.  
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